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Troop 96 Brings Home the Gold At The Winter Games

By Craig Levy

On February 14th Troop 96 scouts headed north to the home of the cold and snow (I know, what you're thinking, you've heard this before). This time we went to Indian Mounds Scout Reservation in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, about 90 minutes northwest of Grayslake. The scouts arrived about 8 pm and checked into what the troop would consider the "Four Seasons Hotel" of camping... a heated cabin, with bunks for 24, a kitchen with a 6 burner stove and oven. Due to the recent hard freeze, the plumbing for running water (kitchen and the lav) were not working – hardly an impediment for our crew.



Saturday, the patrols woke early and prepared a typical breakfast. After cleanup, there was about an hour of "free time." Then, in a bid to simplify the end of day activities – the Scouts started cooking their scheduled dinner – but for lunch (we learned a bit from last year that returning from the outdoor activities close to 8 pm does not make for an early night if a big meal is waiting to be prepared.)



After "dinner for lunch" we departed for the Sunburst Sports area in Kewaskum – about an hour north of camp. Conditions were perfect: sunny, 20 degrees and almost no wind. This is where the winter games predominately took place. A group of scouts, led by Mr. Cambio went straight for the snow tubing area where two "magic carpet" conveyor belts transport the rider and tube to the top of the 20 run area. Hold on tight! They go fast.

Click this to see Joey C's record setting tubing run.

[Tubing Video Link.](#)



Another group of scouts checked out skis and snowboards. Many took lessons and after a short while were swooshing down the slopes. Mr. Levy worked on the snow sports merit badge with some scouts. By the end of the day many scouts were skiing and snowboarding



in the freestyle area taking jumps and catching some real air.



The scouts returned to the cabin about 8pm for their last meal of the day and re-capping of some of their "Sports Center" highlight film



moments in front of a roaring fire and a last minute run for some ice cream.



The Winter Games continued the next morning with the Men's 6000-meter team relay. This was essentially the path to the latrine on a completely ice covered path. This path was also used for the 5-gallon water jug curling photo op.

Scouts Participating both nights:

Spencer Boos	Joey Cambio	Nathan Cibula	Alex Kagey
Zach Levy	Chris Matthews	Eric Ostick	Alex Tamuliatis
Nathan Timmins	Richard Wegner	Michael Wentz	

Scouts Participating one night:

Dalton Nitto	Alex Kuscsik	Ryan Robb	
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Adults Participating:

Mr. Boos	Mr. Cambio	Mr. Cibula	Mr Levy
Mr Matthews	Mr Ostick	Mr Kuscsik (1 night)	Mr Robb (1 Night)

It's Time for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

We are getting ready for our annual summer camping at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in Pearson, Wisconsin. For most scouts this is the highlight of the camping year. We need to have our headcount number into Council by the middle of March, so please take the time to fill out the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan information forms that are available at the back table during the troop meeting. The fees have been finalized for this year and are \$335 per scout including transportation for one week and \$285 for a second week. The alternate transportation option is to travel with the council bus for \$100 round trip per scout.

We understand that new scouts might have many questions about camping with Boy Scouts at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan so we give them extra time and are always willing to answer questions. New scouts have a lot of fun at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and it helps them with several rank advancements. Several key dates are coming up for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan this year:

- 3/15/14 - Have Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan attendance forms turned in
- 3/17/14 - Camp Promotion meeting at troop meeting
- 4/9/14 – Council information session at Abbott Laboratories
- 4/12/14 – Council information session at NEIC Council Office
- 5/12/14 – Last day to sign up/pay for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan without \$15 late charge
- 5/19/14 – Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan training/information at Troop Meeting
- 6/1/14 – Last day to sign up/pay for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan with \$15 late charge



Save the Date::

Christian Mack's Eagle Court of Honor is April 6th 2:00PM – 4:00PM at the St. Gilbert Chapel Hall



Looking for High Adventure.

Troop 96 has filled two treks to the Philmont Scout Ranch for summer of 2015. An additional council trek is now available to us. This is a high adventure activity that requires about one full year of preparation. Costs for the trek, transportation and meals enroute is estimated at \$1400. A deposit of \$100 is required as soon as possible no later than March 24, 2014. A selection criterion, will be established to determine the composition of the treks. Get your deposit in as soon as possible. All of the available adult positions have filled. We have 8 remaining youth slots available to the first 8 scouts that submit their deposit.

All scouts should be First class or above. The minimum age required to attend Philmont is 14 by July 17th. There are height/weight limits for the health and safety of participants. Philmont medical requirements must be met. See Mr. McCall or Mr. Klemens if interested.



March 2013 Campout

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the Scoutmaster's Corner
by Pat Klemens

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- **New Scouts** joined our troop in February. A total of 19 Scouts (!) have joined us from Pack 627, Pack 96 and Pack 96 plus three Scouts who transferred from other troops. Be a Good Scout and welcome our newest members with a smile and a handshake. We're glad you're here!
- **Do you have a friend** that you'd like to have in the troop? Tell him about our troop, show him our [2013 video on YouTube](#) and offer to pick him up and bring him to a meeting. We'd love to have every boy in Grayslake join Scouting.
- Troop 96 has filled two crews of 12 to go to the mountains of New Mexico and Scouting's **Philmont Scout Ranch in 2015**. We are now working to fill a third crew. If you are interested in attending, contact Mr. McCall by March 24. Estimated total costs should not exceed \$1400 (limited camperships are available for demonstrated financial need).
- The troop plans to send four "seasoned" Scouts to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for **National Youth Leadership Training**. Training is held June 15-21. Three Scouts (Christian M, David H and Andrew G) have already been approved. Interested Scouts should contact Mr. Klemens no later than March 17 for consideration. We will make our selection by April 1. The troop splits the \$260 cost of this training 50:50 with the selected Scouts.
- We are inviting the parents of our newest Scouts to join us at our annual "**New Parents Meeting**" to be held Wednesday, March 11 at 7 pm at the St. Gilbert Multi-Purpose Room. We will share our thoughts and plans about Scouting in Troop 96. Together, we can make your son's experiences in scouting some of the most memorable of his life. This is for parents only (Scouts need not attend, but it's not a problem if they do). Mark your calendar and join us!



Although it's still cold and snowy, it's time to be thinking about summer camp at beautiful **Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan**. We will be at camp for two weeks (July 6-12 and 13-19). You can choose the first, the second or both weeks (new Scouts go the first week only). The cost for camp and transportation to be \$335 for the first week and \$285 for the second week. Full details will be posted on the troop website as soon as we have the final information from Council. (Limited camperships are available to help send Scouts to camp that may need financial assistance.)

- We will have a special promotion of Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan including videos and time for Q&A. Join us at the March 17 troop meeting for all the news.
- The troop will elect a **new Senior Patrol Leader** on March 10. All other Troop positions will also be re-appointed by the new SPL. If you are interested in the SPL position, talk to Mr. Klemens about the job duties before the end of February.
- In January, our troop participated in the annual **Friends of Scouting** pledge drive. As a troop, our goal was over \$9000. Not to worry, thanks to your generosity, we always deliver. We are consistently one of the most generous troops in the Northeast Illinois Council and this year we're already contributed more than \$10,000 to assure that Scouting stays strong.
- If you've been on the troop website recently, you may have noticed our **On-Line Troop Library**. You can find a collection of articles that cover a diverse group of important topics, like:
 - [Quick Start Guide to the Troop](#)
 - [What does a new member need to know about the troop?](#)
 - [How Does Advancement Work?](#)
 - [How do Scout Accounts work?](#)
 - [How does the Merit Badge program work?](#)
 - [What Do Adults Do on Campouts?](#)
 - [What Makes a Trained Leader?](#)
 - [How do the Tech Guidelines Work?](#)
 - [How does Life-to-Eagle work?](#)
 - [How can I improve my SAT/ACT score?](#)
 - [How to Plan an Eagle Court of Honor](#)
- In addition to our frequently updated troop website and our monthly troop Gazette, you can also follow the troop on Twitter (www.twitter.com/GLtroop96).

- The **Troop Committee** will meet Thursday, March 6 at 7 pm at the Grayslake Area Public Library.
- Adults interested in learning more about **Wood Badge Training** should see Mrs. Jane Bryant-Klett or myself. It's a fun course that offers an incredible leadership experience. As an added incentive, when you complete the course, the troop will reimburse you for half the cost!
- The most important meeting of the year, **our Annual Planning Conference**, will be held on Saturday, March 29 beginning at 9 AM. We'll gather at the Grayslake Village Hall to evaluate our camping year just passed and decide on the activities we'll do each month from Sept 2013 to Sept 2014. Anything is possible...come on out and share your ideas. When we have a great Planning Conference, we have a great year! Let's make it happen.
- All Scouts are encouraged to help at the **PADS Service Project** on March 6 at 4:30PM. We will gather at the United Protestant Church (54 South Whitney) in downtown Grayslake. We'll work for about an hour setting up the facility and making beds for those who have no other place to sleep. Wear your uniform and join your fellow Scouts to make a difference in the community.
- The Northeast Illinois Council will celebrate this year's top volunteers on Wednesday, March 12. Our own **Mr. Kevin Wehde will be presented the prestigious Silver Beaver Award** that night. Please register at the NEIC.org site and join us for Mr. Wehde's recognition.
- The **troop's website** (www.boyscouttroop96.com) always has the latest Scouting and Troop 96 news. Did you know you can write and submit articles too? It's easy to do and the troop wants to know what you have to say.

Camping Plan Schedule

- - March 15-16: McHenry Roller Rink Lock-in Friday & Roller Skating, Outdoor Camping New Scout Training at Camp Lakota, Woodstock Saturday
 - - April 11-13: Mississippi Palisades State Park near Savanna, IL. Activity is Caving in Maquoketa Caves State Park in Iowa
 - - May 16-17: TBD (Crown?). Activity is Astronomy w/ Shelter Building
 - - June 20-22: TBD (Potato Creek State Park in Indiana?) Activity is White Water Rafting in South Bend
 - - July 6-12 and 13-19 Weeks One and Two at Summer Camp at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation near Pearson, WI
 - - August 8-10: Camping at Lewis University Airport. Activity is the first-ever Air Fest 2014
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Troop Activity Calendar

PLC Plan from February 25th PLC

Meeting March Theme: Early Rank Skills

- Monday March 3:
Senior Patrol Leader Nominee Speeches
Skills: First Aid: Basic by Spencer B., Intermediate by Ethan D., Advanced by Nathan T.
Game: Who Said That? by Nathan T.
- Thursday March 6:
PADS Service project United Protestant Church (54 South Whitney) 4:30PM
- Thursday March 6:
Troop Committee Meeting (Grayslake Area Public Library) 7:00PM
- Monday March 10:
SPL Elections, Campout Prep, Patrol Reorganization and New Positions
Skill: MyPlate by Nick G.
- Tuesday March 11:
New Parents Meeting St Gilbert Multipurpose Room 7:00PM
- Friday to Sunday March 14 – 16:
Campout Weekend, McHenry Roller Rink and Camp Lakota
- Monday March 17: Camp Promotion
Skill: STEM Introduction by Mr. H.
Game: First Aid Kimsgame by Ethan D.
- Monday March 24:
Skill: Fires by Andrew G., Zack L. and Mr. K.
Game: Boil Water in a Cup by Andrew G., Zack L. and Mr. K.
- Tuesday March 25:
PLC Meeting at Senior Patrol Leaders House
- Saturday March 29:
Annual Planning Conference – (Grayslake Village Hall) 9:00AM
- Monday March 31:
Skill: Pancake Fest by Nathan T.
Game: Pancake Toss by Nathan T.

Like Scouting?

If you enjoy scouting, if you have fun, if it helps make you a better person, then share scouting with your friends and family. Speak positively about how scouting is fun, builds character and makes you a better citizen.

Local scouting units, especially Cub Scout units are in need of new members.

Share the fun and encourage those who would benefit to visit a Pack or Troop. It will strengthen your community.



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BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP– March Campout

SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE: Monday, March 10, 2014

EVENT DATES: Friday, March 14 to Sunday, March 16, 2014

EVENT LOCATION: Friday overnight at McHenry Roller Rink; Sat-Sun at Camp Lakota

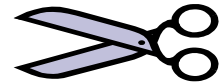
Meeting time: 5:30 PM on Friday, March 14– St. Gilbert Parking Lot

RETURN: approx 11:30 AM, Sunday, Mar 16 (Call 847-223-7233 after 9AM for a better estimate)

EVENT COST: \$15 for food + \$10 for skating. Payable in cash to the Patrol Leader on March 10.

UNIFORM / CLOTHING: CLASS A UNIFORM for traveling; dress for winter overnight

TRANSPORTATION: Adult leaders/parent will provide transportation.



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EVENT LOCATION: Friday at McHenry Roller Rink; Saturday at Camp Lakota, Woodstock

DEPART: 5:30 pm Friday evening – StG parking lot

SCOUT(S) _____ and _____ has my permission for full participation in BSA programs, subject to the limitations noted herein. I further agree that Troop 96 and its Junior and Adult Leaders, as well as the St. Gilbert Church and the Knights of Columbus shall be held free from liability, financially or otherwise, for any injury or accident incurred by my son during this event. I have also included a separate sheet with any special instructions regarding my son.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (or someone else if noted on this form). In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical personnel selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____ Dated: ____/____/____ **Can Drive?: Y / N**

Parent phone number in case of emergency: _____ or _____

Allergies or other important information in an emergency: _____

Medications: _____

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS: ONLY PARENTS OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS CAN PICK UP YOUR SCOUT. IF ANYONE ELSE IS TO BRING YOUR SON HOME YOU MUST PROVIDE THAT AUTHORIZATION BELOW:

(NAME) _____ (CELL) _____ IS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP MY SCOUT
AT THE CHURCH (PARENT SIGNATURE) _____ DATE ____/____/____